

[Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) was recognized by the National Mining Association (&ldquo;NMA&rdquo;) for receiving independent certification under its CORESafety® system.

&ldquo;We are pleased to be the first hardrock mining company to achieve certification under the CORESafety system,&rdquo; said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., Hecla&rsquo;s President and CEO. &ldquo;This significant achievement is made possible by a commitment to safety exhibited at every level of our workforce, from the miners to site management and beyond.&rdquo;

CORESafety is a voluntary mine safety and health initiative developed and facilitated by NMA. It has an approach to mining safety and health which emphasizes accident prevention using a risk-based management system, the foundation of which involves leadership, management and assurance. Its objective is zero fatalities and a 50 percent reduction in injury rate within five years of implementation.

## ABOUT HECLA

Founded in 1891, [Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) is a leading low-cost U.S. silver producer with operating mines in Alaska, Idaho and Mexico, and is a growing gold producer with an operating mine in Quebec, Canada. The Company also has exploration and pre-development properties in seven world-class silver and gold mining districts in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and an exploration office and investments in early-stage silver exploration projects in Canada.

## Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

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